High cost of medicines and tests

1523. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that medical services are now becoming unaffordable even to the middle class of our society;

whether it is mainly because of the high cost of medicines, tests required for diagnosis and treatment; and

if so, what are the Government views on this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Free medical services are provided to the poor. Those above the poverty line are charged at subsidized rates for minimum number of sophisticated investigation procedures. Medicines are generally provided free to the in patients in the Government hospitals and under various health programmes which are under implementation for control of major diseases like Malaria, T.B., Blindness, Leprosy and AIDS.

Recruitment norms for NVs and KVs

1524. DR. (SMT.) JOYASSEE GOSWAMI MAHANTA:
DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the recruitment norms being followed in selection of teachers for Navodaya and Kendriya Vidyalayas, including holding of written test, indicating details of such tests held during the last three years; and

(b) how standardization of results of various Universities are practiced for rationality, as well as to screen out the products of fake universities?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Kenderiya ' Vidyaiaya Sangathan and Navodaya Vidyaiaya Samiti have introduced, in 1999